

# TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACTSHEET

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### USDOT Operating Administrations

#### **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

The Federal Highway Administration coordinates highway transportation programs in cooperation with states and other partners to enhance the country's safety, economic vitality, quality of life, and the environment. Major program areas include the Federal-Aid Highway Program, which provides federal financial assistance to the States to construct and improve the National Highway System, urban and rural roads, and bridges. This program provides funds for general improvements and development of safe highways and roads.

The Federal Lands Highway Program provides access to and within national forests, national parks, Indian reservations and other public lands by preparing plans and contracts, supervising construction facilities, and conducting bridge inspections and surveys. The FHWA also manages a comprehensive research, development, and technology program.

#### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was established within the Department of Transportation on January 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 [Public Law No. 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748 (December 9, 1999)]. Formerly a part of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's primary mission is to prevent commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries.

##### FMCSA activities contribute to:

- Ensuring safety in motor carrier operations through strong enforcement of safety regulations, targeting high-risk carriers and commercial motor vehicle drivers
- Improving safety information systems and commercial motor vehicle technologies; strengthening commercial motor vehicle equipment and operating standards
- Increasing safety awareness

#### **Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)**

The Federal Railroad Administration promotes safe and environmentally sound rail transportation. With the responsibility of ensuring railroad safety throughout the nation, the FRA employs safety inspectors to monitor railroad compliance with federally mandated safety standards including track maintenance, inspection standards and operating practices.

The FRA conducts research and development tests to evaluate projects in support of its safety mission and to enhance the railroad system as a national transportation resource. Public education campaigns on highway-rail grade crossing safety and the danger of trespassing on rail property are also administered by FRA.

##### **USDOT Emergency Website**

For information relating to USDOT Regulatory Relief, please visit [www.dot.gov/emergency](http://www.dot.gov/emergency). The website contains information relating to transportation permits, waivers, and other regulatory authorities that are applicable during an emergency.



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### **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**

The Federal Transit Administration assists in developing improved mass transportation systems for cities and communities nationwide. Through its grant programs, FTA helps plan, build, and operate transit systems with convenience, cost and accessibility in mind. While buses and rail vehicles are the most common type of public transportation, other kinds include commuter ferryboats, trolleys, inclined railways, subways, and people movers. In providing financial, technical and planning assistance, the agency provides leadership and resources for safe and technologically advanced local transit systems while assisting in the development of local and regional traffic reduction.

The FTA maintains the National Transit library (NTL), a repository of reports, documents, and data generated by professionals and others from around the country. The NTL is designed to facilitate document sharing among people interested in transit and transit related topics.

### **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA)**

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration oversees the safety of more than 800,000 daily shipments of hazardous materials in the United States and 64 percent of the nation's energy that is transported by pipelines. PHMSA is dedicated solely to safety by working toward the elimination of transportation-related deaths and injuries in hazardous materials and pipeline transportation, and by promoting transportation solutions that enhance communities and protect the natural environment.

### **DOT Assets**

### **USDOT Infrastructure Assessment Teams / Damage Assessment Teams**

ESF #1 can deploy multi-modal teams to the FEMA Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) and other external locations to support infrastructure assessments and determine the status of roads, rail, waterways, bridges, pipelines, and supporting aerial infrastructure assessments.

### **FHWA Evacuation Liaison Team**

Evacuation Liaison Teams assist in the coordination of multi-state evacuations. Due to the likelihood of extensive damage and the need to relocate large portions of the population, a catastrophic incident is expected to generate significant evacuation requirements. ESF-1 dedicates significant resources, such as evacuation-coordination and liaison teams and transportation-system and coordination support, to improve evacuation planning and identify assets to support evacuations.

### **FHWA and FTA Emergency Relief (ER) Programs**

Additional information about applying for Emergency Relief funding can be found at:

**FHWA:** Federal Aid Highways- <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/erelief.cfm>

**FHWA/FLH:** Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/>

**FTA:** Public Transit Systems- [http://www.fta.dot.gov/map21\\_15025.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/map21_15025.html)

For additional information, please visit the USDOT Emergency Website at <http://www.dot.gov/emergency> and/or contact: **24hrs: DOT CMC Watch – 202-366-1863**

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